PUBLIC NOTICE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE OF VACANCY PART-TIME U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE Bemidji, Minnesota

Applications are invited from individuals who meet the following qualifications:

- C At least five years membership in the bar of the highest court of a state;
- C Active practice of law for at least five years;
- Competent to perform all the duties of the office as specified in 28 U.S.C. 636;
- C Be less than 70 years old; and
- C Not related to a judge of the U. S. District Court.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applications in confidence and recommend to the Judges of the U.S. District Court the persons it considers best qualified. The Court will interview the applicants recommended by the Panel and make the appointment following an FBI and IRS investigation of the appointee. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups. The salary of the position is currently \$3,477 per year. Upon the approval of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the annual salary will be increased to \$11,529 effective October 1, 2002. The term of office is four years, and incumbents may be reappointed to successive terms.

The official application must be obtained by contacting:

Richard D. Sletten, Clerk Attn: Merit Selection Panel United States District Court 300 South Fourth Street Suite 202 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415 (612) 664-5026

or access through our web site: www.mnd.uscourts.gov

The original competed application and six copies must be received at the address listed above <u>no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 26, 2002</u> (Completed applications may not be e-mailed).